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Re: Draft Removal Action Completion Report for Sand Blast Grit Removal at Derecktor Shipyard

Dear Mr. Colter:

EPA reviewed the *Draft Removal Action Completion Report for Sand Blast Grit Removal at Derecktor Shipyard*, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island" dated December 5, 2007. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of Derecktor Shipyard. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Paul Kulpa, RIDEM, Providence, RI
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ATTACHMENT A

Page	Comment
§3.0	The response to comment 3.2 dated January 2007, stated that if confirmatory samples that were in excess of the RAO were detected, additional excavation would occur with subsequent confirmatory soil sampling. Several confirmatory samples collected during this effort were above the RAO and excavation did not occur. Please explain in detail why soil containing greater than the RAO was allowed to remain in place.
Appendix B	The Date Analyzed in the table for *PCB Data (8/02-06/07)* is not consistent with the data validation report presented in Appendix C, or the text of Section 2.3. The table indicates that these confirmatory samples were analyzed in 2004. According to the text and the data validation reports, these samples were analyzed in 2007. Please correct.